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Membership

As we reach the new year many will be giving thought to membership renewals of their respective Clubs and Associations. For those that enjoy their shooting at club level and seldom take part in other competitive events the value of membership of National Governing Bodies (eg. CPSA, MLAGB, NRA, NSRA) is sometimes questioned.

Some of the benefits of membership of the Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain are:

- Membership of a Home Office approved Club with all its attendant benefits.
- Insurance cover for all activities of shooting authorised by the MLAGB including target shooting and game shooting (see below).
- Receipt of the quarterly magazine 'Black Powder'.
- To be eligible to join local MLAGB Branches.
- Preferential rates for target hire at the MLAGBs own ranges at Wedgcock, Warwick. The facility has three separate ranges with covered firing points at 25m, 50m and 100m.
- Preferential accommodation rates at the MLAGBs Bisley Club House, The Exhibition Hut.
- The opportunity, if you wish, to enter the Association's National Championship competitions and/or postal matches.
- The opportunity to attend trade (arms) fairs and an auction organised by the Association.
- To right to be considered for selection for MLAGB and Great Britain International Teams.
- Advice and guidance in respect of your dealings with the Police and/or Health & Safety Executive.
- To stand for the Council of Management and vote at General Meetings and Elections

The value of these tangible benefits will be clear, however the value of membership of any of the National Bodies surmounts any actual financial gain or loss. Ask yourselves who campaigned at Ministerial Level to retain the right to possess and use muzzle loading pistols when the intention was to ban all pistols. Only lobbying by the

MLAGB notably the then Chief Executive of the MLAGB persuaded the government not to ban all pistols. The other major organisations are similarly involved at all times monitoring future legislation, lobbying parliament, campaigning endlessly on your behalf so that you may retain your sport.

The cost of maintaining vigilance on our political masters intentions is high, many thousands of pounds a year, only by collectively contributing by membership can you ensure that the most effective fight on your behalf will be made to retain your sport. Can your local Club do this? Please give this matter some thought and join at least one of the National Shooting Organisations, preferably the MLAGB.

For more information and a membership pack contact: David Minshall, MLAGB, PO Box 96, Bristol, BS11 9WX or Email: publicity@mlagb.com.



Liability Protection for Members

The MLAGB has a responsibility to protect both the sport of muzzle loading shooting and all those who take part. It should also be remembered that participants themselves, including shooters, coaches, officers and officials, have a duty of care to ensure that anything they do, does not cause injury or financial loss to others, or damage to third party property.

Regrettably it is almost inevitable that from time to time things go wrong resulting in injury or loss for which an individual is legally liable. MLAGB protection termed Civil Liability cover, provides a mechanism for compensating for such a loss and protecting individuals from any personal liability. It is important to understand and note that to the best

of the knowledge of the MLAGB, other organisations do not provide such cover for individuals participating in "muzzle loading" on a variety of private grounds as part of their insurance cover.

Our Civil Liability Cover protects members in respect of "all activities recognised/authorised by The Muzzle Loaders Association of Great Britain Ltd.". This includes breach loading, game shooting, rough shooting, black powder and re-enactment. Also included are Branch social occasions/outings, member to member liability and general liability to third parties. Cover includes junior and probationary members and any guests and visitors whose names and addresses are recorded in an appropriate Visitors/Guest Book. This is particularly helpful at Game Fairs and such like. It should be noted that whilst cover applies anywhere in the world this does not include USA or Canada for which protection is restricted to instructors and national representative teams.

The Muzzle Loaders standard liability cover affords a limit of £5m any one event, and includes additional Legal Defence Costs, in certain circumstances.

The information given here is a summary only, it is not a definitive version of the terms for which master documents are available via our Brokers, Perkins Slade.

Should you have any query arising out of this article kindly contact the Honorary Secretary of the MLAGB, R.M.Mott (secretary@mlagb.com – tel. 01159 392620) in the first instance and who will do his best to offer assistance or guidance. If unable to help the matter will be referred to the Brokers.

The Association Directors consider that the Insurance cover now held by the MLAGB to be very good value and ideally tailored to our particular requirements. It is both comparable and competitive with other similar shooting organisations.

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